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Applicants: Benzoni et al

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App. No.: 10/613,226

For: Micro-hermetic packaging of optical devices

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

08/19/2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 04/28/2005, please amend the above-named application as set forth hereinbelow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

The application as originally filed included 22 claims, 2 of which were independent claims. The application as amended herein includes 22 claims, 5 of which are independent claims. Accordingly, the fee for 2 additional independent claims is included herewith.

A shortened statutory period for reply expired on 07/28/2005. Accordingly, this amendment is timely filed with a petition for a one-month extension of time and the required petition fee submitted herewith.

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